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I think that the recent Dept. of Justice decision is a step in the right direction, but sadly, does not go far enough. Firm, corrective enforcement must be applied to Microsofts monopolistic ways. Imagine that David walked up to Goliath and slapped him on the wrist. Do you honestly think that he would have stopped slaying the Israelites? No, of course not. In the very same context, Microsoft will not stop dominating (I really should use "domineering" there!) any and all competition by whatever means it feels it can get away with. I'm also very disappointed with the thought that Microsoft will open its API's/standards to any "business" that meets its qualifications. Hello? Just how many competitors do you think will qualify for that? Linux (the only real threat to Windows) will certainly fall under Microsofts list of "not really a business" so we won't help you candidates...

Let me try one more analogy with you...imagine you get up this morning and your car won't start. Its an older model with lots of problems so you decide to just trade it in on a new one. You go down to your car dealer, and say, "I'd like to buy a GM to replace my old jalopy". The dealer looks at you funny and says, "sorry buddy, we only sell Fords here". No problem, you just decide to go to another dealer...except that every dealer tells you the same thing, that only Fords are sold. You -can't- buy anything else. No problem, you think. I'll just repair my old car. Except that you can't even buy parts for your old car, because all the "standards" only work with the Fords being sold. Your right to a choice has been taken away. This is what its like in the world of computers now... I don't want my children and grandchildren to grow up in a world where there is no choice...

I don't think the founding fathers of our great nation would have wanted this either...

I'm not looking for the complete and total destruction of Microsoft, just a little fairness please...some equalisation...like:

Ford

GM

Chrysler

let there be:

Linux

Apple Macintosh

Microsoft

Please -think- about this...its probably one of the most important decisions
you'll ever make.

Thank you...

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